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1. FOLLOWING DISPATCH OF REF B, EMBOFF HAD OCCASION TO DISCUSS AGAIN WITH FONOFF OFFICIAL (KOJIMAN SECOND MIDDLE EAST DIV) HIS IDEA OF SOME FORM OF COORDINATION BETWEEN U.S. AND JAPAN REGARDING BOTH COUNTRIES' ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN SAUDI ARABIA. KOJIMA EXPLAINED DURING THIS CONVERSATION HIS CONCEPT THAT AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN U.S. AND JAPAN REGARDING BOTH GOVERNMENTS' ACTIVITIES IN SAUDI ARABIA, IN PARTICULAR WITH RESPECT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF SAUDI FIVE YEAR PLAN, WOULD BE USEFUL AND HELPFUL IN AVOIDING SURPRISES WHICH THE U.S. AND JAPAN MIGHT OTHERWISE VISIT UPON ONE ANOTHER. SUCH AN EXCHANGE, HE SUGGESTED, COULD BEST TAKE PLACE ON AN INFORMAL BASIS BETWEEN WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS OF BOTH COUNTRIES' EMBASSIES IN JIDDA.

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ALTHOUGH INFORMATION ON PRIVATE COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

WOULD ALSO BE WELCOME, HE SAID, THE OBJECT OF SUCH AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WOULD NOT BE TO DETERMINE THE ACTIVITIES OF BOTH COUNTRIES' PRIVATE FIRMS IN SAUDI ARABIA OR TO DIVIDE UP THE SAUDI MARKET.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY, DURING EMBOFF'S DISCUSSION WITH KOJIMA REGARDING MITI MINISTER KOMOTO'S VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST (REFTEL A), KOJIMA AGAIN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SUCH AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND INQUIRED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT A) RESULTS OF MOST RECENT U.S.-SAUDI JOINT COMMISSION MEETING, B) OPERATION OF USG QTE SECRETARIAT UNQTE IN RIYADH, AND C) INFO RE REVIEW OF SAUDI FIVE YEAR PLAN WHICH FONOFF UNDERSTANDS IS PRESENTLY UNDERWAY WITH AMERICAN ASSISTANCE.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE FAVOR AN EXPANDED EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH THE JAPANESE REGARDING BOTH COUNTRIES' ACTIVITIES IN SAUDI ARABIA. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE A) DEPT AND EMBASSY JIDDA VIEWS RE DESIRABILITY AND FORM OF SUCH AN EXCHANGE AND B) ANY AVAILABLE INFO ON U.S.-SAUDI JOINT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES WHICH WE COULD PASS ON TO FONOFF.
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